



Chevron/AC Transit H2 Station

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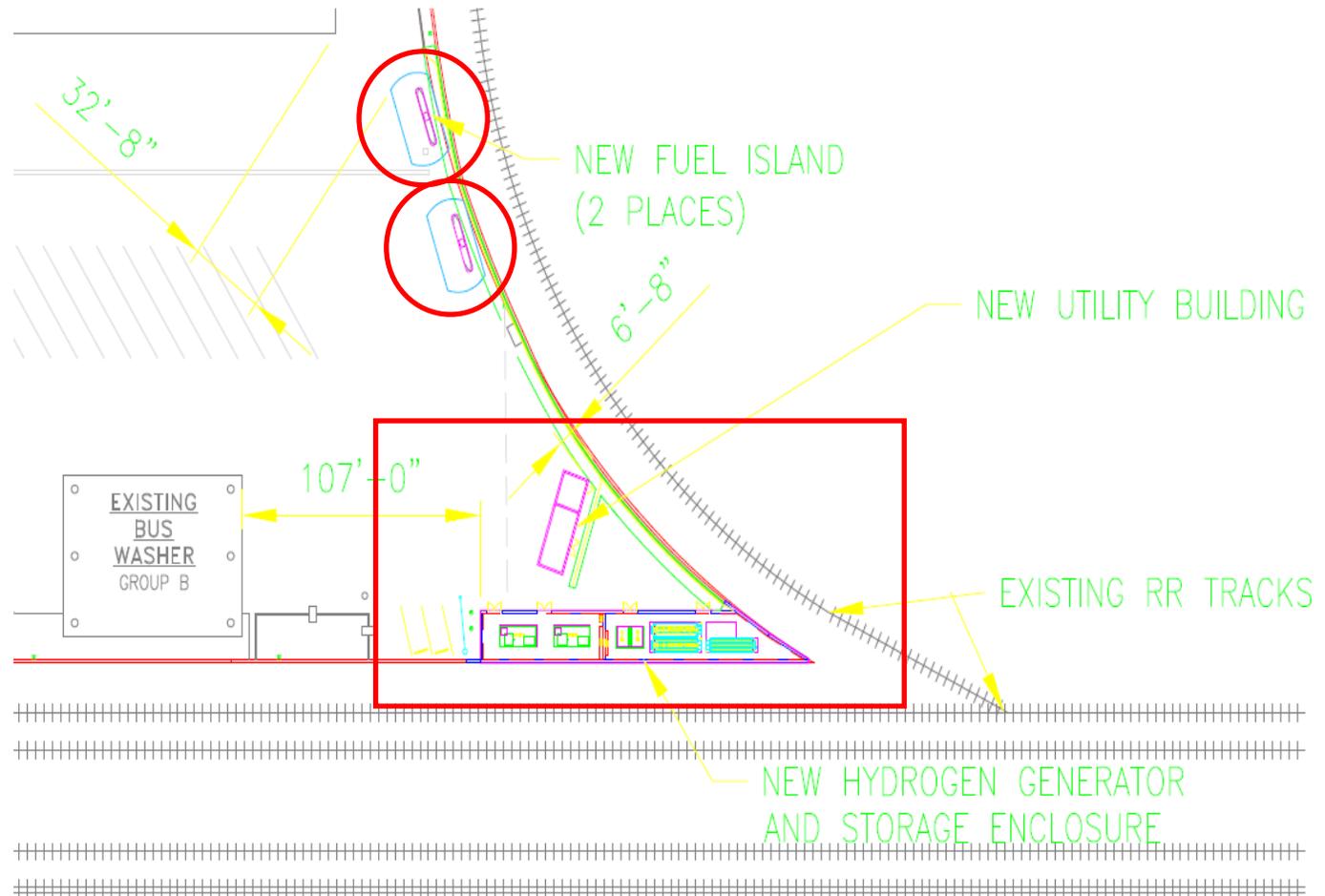
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Who is GP?

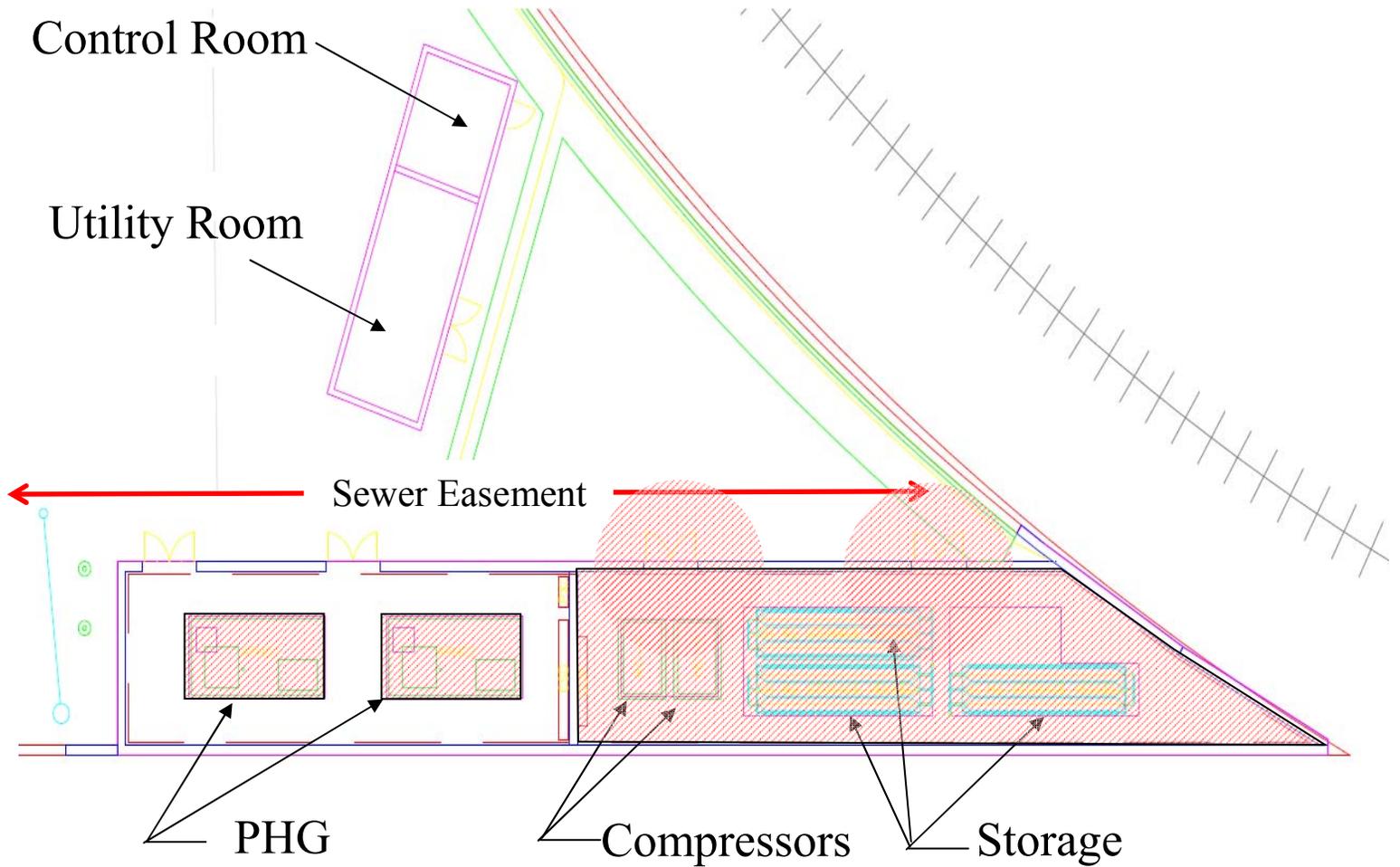
- **1300 employees, NYSE symbol: GPX**
- **Designed over 50 LNG/LCNG alternative fuel stations in US over the last 7 years**
- **Built some of the largest LNG/LCNG fuel stations with storage capacity in excess of 60,000 gallons**
- **Built Chevron's 1st 4 hydrogen refueling stations**
- **Design/Built AC Transit and Selfridge ANGB hydrogen Fuel stations**
- **Voting member of NFPA 52**



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APPLICABLE CODES:

2001 California Building Code*

2001 California Mechanical Code*

2001 California Plumbing Code*

2001 California Fire Code*

2002 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)

2002 National Fire Alarm Code (NFPA 72)

1999 Gaseous Hydrogen Vehicle Fuel System Code
(NFPA 50a)

2001 ADA Standards For Accessible Design**

***As Amended And Adopted By The City Of Oakland**

**** CBC Does Not Exempt Hazardous Areas From ADA Requirements**





Permitting

Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement

- **AC Transit's Richmond experience provided reference point for Oakland officials**
 - 50/50 chance of helping
 - This was not helpful for the Rosemead project w/ the nearby Chino hydrogen station
- **AC Transit's outreach was key**
 - Meet with Mayors office and planning officials and held open house for city officials
- **Meet with fire department early**
 - Discussed codes that could be used as guidance
 - Discussed overall scope of project



Permitting

Detailed Engineering / Permitting

- **Site Analysis / Permit Check List**
 - Review of City of Oakland ordinances and code amendments
 - Code review of preliminary site layout

CUP

- Provided preliminary plan and elevation drawings for conditional use permitting early

Detailed Engineering

- Civil / Mechanical / Structural / Electrical / Signage
- Expect to have to resubmit drawings for plan review





Lessons Learned – AC Transit

- **Right team mix to meet with each stakeholder**
 - AC Transit meetings w/ Mayor's office and Planning Department
 - Chevron/GP meetings with Fire Department
 - GP meetings with building officials
- **UBC / CBC Occupancy Barriers**
 - Occupancy Groups H-2, S-2, and S-3
 - Construction Types V-1 and V-N
- **Local Amendments to National Codes**





Lessons Learned – Other Alternative Fuel Stations

Planning Commissions

- Start early – could take 6 months or longer

Fire Alarm Code

- Tie-into central FACP
- Sprinkler / non-sprinkler decision early in design

Waste Water Discharge Permits

- Who has authority to issue permits

Natural Gas Service

- Emphasize elevated service needs to utility early
- Emphasize City Inspector to “release for elevated service”

Power

- Allow 3 month for utility planning





Lessons Learned – Other Alternative Fuel Stations

Be Aware of Local Amendments to Codes

- Local codes may limit or prohibit above ground flammable storage
- Special requirements for underground utilities
- CA: Permit to Operate for Air Receivers w. CA Pressure Vessel Unit
- ASME B&PV Requirements vary by state (DOT not allowed)

ASME B31.3 Process Piping Code

- Do not rely on building inspectors to verify compliance

Two Most Difficult and Frustrating Permits to Obtain

- Sign Permits
- Landscape Permits





Recommendations

Permitting Officials

- Help the “out of town experts” with the local codes and permitting process

Organizations Planning to Implement Project

- Early discussions with Planning Commissions and Planning Boards
- Allow 3 months in schedule for permitting – everyone is understaffed
- Follow standard protocol for dealing with building department

DOE / NHA Organizations

- Provide 3rd party consultant for local building officials to call regarding questions on hydrogen safety and hydrogen design standards.

Safe Hydrogen Fuel Station are Critical for the Industry



Questions?

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